

PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Vestry & Lay Delegate Nominees
FOR THE ELECTION ON JANUARY 24, 2021**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Vestry Nominees

(Five persons are to be elected to serve three-year terms, 2021-2024.)

David Andrew Candler
Lam Yu
Melanie Ballard Fahey
David Landis
John Asbury Fields
Danna Joy Kurtin
James Thayer Rosenbach
Adaline Posey Martinez Saenz
Alexandra Sullivan Doan
Thomas A. Jackson

Lay Delegate Nominees

*(Two persons are to be elected to serve two-year terms, 2021-2022, and two persons will serve as Alternate Delegates for one-year terms, 2021.)***

Jeffrey J. Dieter
William Robertson
Michael J. Massey
Catherine Price Beebe
Denise Allen Zwicker
Thomas K. Golden

***The Parish sends four Lay Delegates to Diocesan Council each year. Pamela Harvey and Suzanne Miller, Palmer's two Lay Delegates elected in 2020, will complete their two-year terms with their service in 2021.*

Presentation of the Vestry candidates will take place on Sunday, January 17, at 12:30 PM on Zoom. There will be no absentee voting or early voting. All voting will take place during the Annual Meeting January 24, which will be a Webinar held at 12:30 PM. Registration for the Webinar will be required. Several reports on the parish will be presented orally at the Annual Meeting; the entire Annual Report will be available on Palmer's website. Additionally, printed copies of the Annual Report will be mailed to all active parishioners in good standing.

VESTRY NOMINEES

NAME: David Andrew Candler

ADDRESS: 14507 Broadgreen Dr., Houston, Texas 77079

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Amanda

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Evan (11), Zoe (9)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: ExxonMobil / IT Product Manager

EDUCATION: BBA in Information & Operations Management, Texas A&M University (2002); MS in Management Information Systems, Texas A&M University (2004)

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: My wife and I joined Palmer in 2008 soon after we were introduced to it by a Facebook like from fellow parishioner Kip Krause. Both of our children were baptized here, and we served as coordinators of the host families in the St. Bede's Family Service for several years until the program ended in 2015. We have been active members of the parents of young children Sunday discussion group, have participated in Serve Sunday activities at the Star of Hope and New Hope Housing, and I was a Sunday school teacher for the kinder/1st grade group in 2018 and 2019.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I grew up in Terrell, Texas as an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. In high school, I was a staffer/leader in Happening, a Christian experience program presented by teenagers, for teenagers with help from clergy/lay adult leadership. I attended Texas A&M University, where my wife and I met in class our senior year. After grad school, I moved to Houston and joined ExxonMobil, where I have spent most of my career in IT. My family is very passionate about sports, and much of our personal time involves coaching, playing, and watching sports together.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: If elected to the Vestry, I will do my best to support and further utilize Palmer's welcoming and inclusive style as a vehicle to help achieve our mission. I will openly and thoughtfully listen to the needs of current Palmers and our broader community, reflect on what I hear, and provide my honest and candid opinions and recommendations during Vestry discussion. When decisions are made, I will fully support them and help educate others about what we are doing and why. I am especially interested in positively influencing our youth programs and ministries serving those in need in the community.

NAME: Lam Yu

ADDRESS: 14935 Brightbrook Dr., Houston, TX 77095

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Rebecca Yu

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Catherine (8), Joshua (5), Samuel (1)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Rice University

EDUCATION: Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Assistant Teaching Professor

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: My wife and I started attending Palmer 8 years ago right after the birth of our first child. I am currently a member of the Stewardship Council. My daughter sings in the St. Gregory Choir.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: My family and I immigrated to Houston from Hong Kong when I was ten years old back in 1988. I had my first conscious encounter with Christ as a sophomore in college when I read a discarded copy of C.S. Lewis that I found in a box of old books. I finally answered Christ's call and accepted Jesus in my heart ten years ago. I am a husband, the father of three young children and a teaching faculty in the physics and astronomy department at Rice University.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: When I was attending a church but not yet a follower of Christ, I felt the call from Jesus, but I did not answer because I doubted my own worthiness for His love. I cannot say exactly how my conversion came about, but I know that it was the loving kindness of my church family that helped showed me the path to Christ. I believe that we share the love of Jesus by loving the people we encounter. The Bible tells us that "Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." (1 John 4:21).

NAME: Melanie Ballard Fahey

ADDRESS: 2718 Kimbleton Court; Houston, TX 77082

MARITAL STATUS: Married for 27 years

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Michael Fahey

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Fiona (24), Devin (21)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: I have been in public relations for more than 20 years and am currently the Public Relations Officer for the Harris County Housing Authority in addition to working with the Rev. Eric Law on an Episcopal Health Foundation ministry incubation program.

EDUCATION: B.A. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin; M.B.A., University of Houston

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: I have been a member at Palmer for approximately 10 years. In that time, I have been a member and served as Team Captain of the Palmer Holy Spokes, lead a group for Equipping the Saints for Impact bible study, participated in Tuesday morning and Wednesday bible study groups and chaired the committee to draft the Parish Profile to tell the story of Palmer Church as a vibrant place to serve for prospective candidates in our last search for a new Rector.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I am a native Texan and grew up at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Pasadena, Texas. After moving to a home in Garden Oaks where Michael and I started our family, we attended church at St. Michael's Episcopal Church where I served as Stewardship Chair, started a Godly Play program and served on Vestry, completing my term as their last Senior Warden and merging with Episcopal Church of the Incarnation to form Hope Episcopal Church. We have two children who are on their way to being tremendously successful adults. Our daughter Fiona is beginning her career in severance tax at Deloitte while our son Devin is a distance runner for U. H.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: Palmer has so much to offer the community around us. As a communications professional, I would work to help Palmer reach out and extend a gracious invitation to the surrounding community describing who we are, how we matter and why this is a vibrant spiritual home for all. Additionally, I would use my experience with the Rev. Eric Law to help Palmer benefit from his Holy Currencies work.

NAME: David Landis

ADDRESS: 1206 S. Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX, 77019

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Dario Gonzalez

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Chevron / Trading Analyst

EDUCATION: BA, George Washington University

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: I started attending Palmer when Dario and I moved to Houston at the beginning of 2015. After doing some church shopping among the local Episcopalians, we decided Palmer was the right place for us. Since joining the church we both have been active in the young adults groups as well as acolyting on Sundays. Since 2018 I've been a member of the Stewardship Committee and at the beginning of 2020, I joined the Worship Council as the adult acolyte master.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I was born in Alaska, but my family left when I was six and we moved around the world a lot due to my parents' work. This was a great way to grow up as it gave me an appreciation for how many cultures humanity shares. I married my husband Dario in 2016 and we're happily building our home here in Houston. I've been working in Oil & Gas Trading for six years. I love the dynamic nature of my work, which provides new challenges every day. Dario and I are kept company by our greyhound Hunter.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: My goal in serving on the vestry will be to ensure Palmer is here to help those in need and to enrich the lives of its members. By meeting the needs of our community today, we lay the foundation of Palmer's future. In my service on the Vestry I will work to ensure Palmer is the best it can be today and is prepared to be its best for the next generation.

NAME: John Asbury Fields

ADDRESS: 2727 Talbott St., Houston, TX 77005

MARITAL STATUS: Married

PARTNER/SPOUSE: Kathleen D. Fields

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Susan Stewart Fields (39), John William Fields (36) Age 39. Susan is a professor at Texas A&M University, and John William is in real estate development at Trammel Crow Co.

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Retired Commercial Banker

EDUCATION: B.S. Business Administration, M.B.A., Louisiana State University

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: Kathy and I joined Palmer Church In 1984. We renewed our wedding vows in 1997 with Sam Todd in the old chapel at Palmer. I have been a two term vestry person, Volunteer at the Palmer Way Station, Organized the Palmer Way Station Golf Tournament for 24 years, attend the Palmer Men's Bible Study and Men's Retreat, Finance Committee

Chairman, Lay Delegate to the Diocesan Council, Facilitator for Alpha and D.O.C.C. programs, and proud owner of a "suite" in the columbarium for Kathy and myself.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I am a native New Orleanian and moved to Houston in 1977. We attended St. Martin's until 1984, and Palmer has been our spiritual home since. I was a commercial banker by profession and an Executive Vice President at First City National Bank during the tumultuous 80's. The majority of my career was spent rehabilitating troubled companies. I am currently a volunteer Instructor at Work Faith Connection, a Christ centered program to assist marginalized folks in returning to work. I also tutor at the Open Door Mission. I love to play golf, fish with old friends, and spend time in the Texas Hill Country.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: Palmer is like an exquisite restaurant that serves the finest cuisine in the world, i.e. Jesus Christ. Everything we do should encourage ALL people to sample God's most perfect offering. We can assist in this by meeting fellow Christians wherever they may be and who they are on their spiritual journey. Proven programs such as Alpha, D.O.C.C., and a study of Sam Todd's "Introduction to Christianity" could assist us with this objective. My vision is for an endless period of spiritual relevancy and vitality in our community, coupled with a foundation of financial stability. I am confident that with the union of the entire Palmer family, we can collectively make this vision a reality.

NAME: Danna Joy Kurtin

ADDRESS: 5011 Rose St., Houston, TX 77007

MARITAL STATUS: Single

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: MD Anderson Cancer Center

EDUCATION: BSN, MPH, PhD

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: I found Palmer almost fourteen years ago. During this time, I served on the Vestry, worked with the children of Palmer through teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and assisting with the youth ministry. I also organized blood drives and participated in post hurricane mission trips to New Orleans and Galveston post Ike. I also served on various committees as requested by the Rector, most noteworthy, the Social Justice committee which held the first Hunger Banquet at Palmer. Since 2017, Jerusalem Peacebuilders has been a ministry at Palmer and I have been serving as Volunteer Coordinator for the Houston activities.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I grew up in a small Central Texas town and moved to Houston twenty-nine years ago to pursue my graduate education. I was raised Catholic along with my twin brother, sister and two younger brothers. While growing up with my family and large extended family and friends, I participated in church activities and found community service fulfilling. The first part of my professional career I worked in ICU and public health settings. After moving to Houston, I began working at MD Anderson Cancer Center in research and now I work in an administrative role with our talented doctors and scientists.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I believe that knowing Jesus' love is to share it with the community through our words and actions. I plan to continue working with Jerusalem Peacebuilders which closely aligns with our reconciliation directives. It involves Palmer's youth and the adult community. By offering opportunities through JPB, our community learns about self-identity, the three Abrahamic faiths, conflict resolution and service to the community. Through JPB, we are also developing facilitators that can provide more

opportunities for the Palmer community. I am grateful to be part of the Palmer community and am honored to be nominated for Vestry.

NAME: James Thayer Rosenbach

NICKNAME: Jim

ADDRESS: 4310 Dunlavy St., Apt 515 Houston TX 77006

MARITAL STATUS: Single/Divorced

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Gabriel (12) Daniel (8)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Baker Hughes, New Equipment Sales; US Navy Reserve, Staff Officer U. S. Navy Pacific Fleet Headquarters

EDUCATION: BA, University of Notre Dame; Masters of Engineering Management, Old Dominion University

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Captain, United States Navy

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: My journey to Palmer started in August 2018 with the 5 PM service on the stage of the old Main Street Theater. Here, the prima donna was Liz. I will always remember Victor pulling up chairs for my wife and my two sons. On that evening, my family agreed with laughter and smiles (at a time where we found little common ground). At Palmer Church, we were welcomed. Over the past 2 years, my sons and I have been welcomed again and again. We are struggling Christians, finding strength in the faces and the hours spent with our fellow Palmers.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I am a native of San Antonio, the second oldest of four children. I have spent 21 years in the U.S. Navy and 12 years in Houston, where I have strong roots now. God has shown his face several times along my journey, but no time more powerfully than when I visited Roger in great despair around the time of my divorce. "God, where are you?!" I am sure I shouted because I was angry. "Jim," Roger replied so calmly, so warmly, "you are here. God Is here. Just look, and see."

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: When you have been touched by Grace, to have your eyes open to know and see God in the faces of the people around you, in a welcoming community, ever growing and ever revealing its love to you In new ways, you cannot help but find ways to share this Grace. I am so honored to be considered for the vestry of this incredible community and I am here to serve.

NAME: Adaline Posey Martinez Saenz

NICKNAME: Posey

ADDRESS: 4515 Nenana Houston TX 77035

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Lawrence

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Starks (8), Evie (6)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Symmetry Energy Solutions, Director of Financial Trading and Storage

EDUCATION: Rice University, BA in Political Science and Policy Studies, 2000

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: My husband and I were married at Palmer in 2008, and both children were baptized here. I was initially drawn into a more active role in the parish through a wonderful (and long lasting) Foyer Dinner group. Since then I have participated in a variety of areas, including at various times, the Parents of Young Families group, the Women's Retreat organizing committee, Junior High Sunday School, and the Mother's Helping Hands ministry. Additionally, I serve on the Finance Committee, where I have enjoyed learning about the financial health of our parish and what it takes to keep Palmer running.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I am the daughter of a career Army officer who did most of my growing up in the Washington D.C. area, before moving to Houston for my time at Rice. Since then I have worked at several energy companies across Houston, with a brief stint in London. My husband Lawrence and I are both avid baseball fans (all levels), concert goers (remember those?) and he tolerates my vegetable gardening habit. Our children keep us busy and on our toes. Both children are at Kolter Elementary, where Starks is a 3rd grader and Evie is in kindergarten.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: Now is an important time at Palmer, as we continue to manage the continuing effects of the COVID crisis on our community. I believe that I can leverage both my experience as a parishioner with young children and my time on the finance committee to help Palmer figure out the best way forward. While we look forward to eventually returning to 100% in person worship, we still need to manage this in-between time, as well as examine if some of our long standing practices and traditions can utilize the technology we have discovered during this crisis to expand their reach.

NAME: Alexandra Sullivan Doan

NICKNAME: Alex

ADDRESS: 4400 Camellia Lane, Bellaire, TX 77401

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Matt Doan

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: John "Cash" (15), Sarah (14)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Homemaker

EDUCATION: B.A. Humanities, Trinity University, 1993; M.A.T., Elementary and Special Education, Trinity University 1994; M.Ed, Counseling Psychology, University of Houston 2001

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: Matt and I joined Palmer when we had our first child in 2005. We loved both the family service where our kids could joyfully and loudly experience worship, as well as the more formal worship in the nave. I taught Godly Play to the pre-K and kindergarten children for two years sometime soon after then, and have taught the kinder and first graders in Sunday school for the past three years. I've been privileged to chaperone Missionpalooza with the youth in Baton

Rouge, as well as to chaperone a confirmation retreat in Galveston. It gives me great pleasure to provide background coverage for our wonderful youth and formation leaders while they do such important work on zoom calls or EYC. I also had a wonderful week post Hurricane Harvey helping out with the camp that was held at Palmer!

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I grew up in New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast very active at Trinity Episcopal (New Orleans) and St. Peter's by the Sea (Gulfport, MS), as well as the youth events of the Diocese of Mississippi. It was at a session of special needs campers at Camp Bratton Green that I found my vocation: a need to create and implement plans in schools for all of God's children, especially those that didn't "fit in" typically. I taught in public and private schools in San Antonio and Houston for 14 years and finished my career as the pediatric school teacher at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. I have spent the past 15 years caring for our children and volunteering in as many capacities as possible that still help fulfill that original vocation.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I see every human interaction as a divine opportunity to learn from and provide to others examples of God's love. I am especially interested in formation of faith in our children and youth and how we can best help the growth of our parishioners, both individually and as a community. When I don't know what to do, I listen to the best of my ability and actively search out the best outcomes. And I don't mind hard work!

NAME: Thomas A. Jackson

NICKNAME: Tom

ADDRESS: 4810 Austin Street - Unit A, Houston, TX 77004-5682

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Kay

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Arden Jackson McLean (46) and Kate Jackson Potter (43)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: University of Houston-Downtown - Lecturer, Accounting and International Business

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Business Administration - Texas Tech University, 1966 and Master of Science-Accountancy - University of Houston, 2014

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Certified Public Accountant

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: Kay and I were introduced to Palmer by our daughter, Kate Potter, and her husband Watson in 2002. From our first visit, we felt that we had found our church home; a place that would make a difference in our lives and where we could make a difference in the lives of others. We officially became members on September 1, 2003, when we moved our letter from Saint Martin's. The spirit of community is alive at Palmer and we are proud and excited to be a part of it. I have had the pleasure of serving our church community as a vestry member from 2004 - 2006, member and chairman of the Finance Committee from 2003 - 2006, as a Greeter, and as a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: Kay and I married in June of 1971 and called Corpus Christi our home until 1998. While in Corpus, we owned and operated an industrial electronics distribution business. We moved to

Houston when presented with the opportunity to acquire another electronics firm headquartered here. After thirty-three years in the electronics industry, we sold our last company in 2008. For the past ten plus years, I have enjoyed the opportunity to impact our next generation of leaders as a professor of accounting at the university level.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I believe that God calls us as a church community to do three things. First, to provide a meaningful and spirit-filled environment for worship. Second, to provide stimulating programs and educational opportunities for a better understanding of God's plan for us. Third, we must be a catalyst for apostolic action. God has challenged us to provide leadership in providing a loving and intellectually fulfilling environment that will attract, enrich, and bring joy to all with which we are associated. We must accept that challenge and commit ourselves to take Christ to our community. As a Palmer vestry-person and communicant, I will be active in all three areas.

LAY DELEGATE NOMINEES

NAME: Jeffrey J. Dieter

ADDRESS: 240 W. 24th St. Houston, TX 77008

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Margie Dieter

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Mine - Sarah (23) and Lauren (20); Margie - Jack (22) Nina (19) and Marjorie (16)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Unemployed

EDUCATION: BA, The University of Colorado at Boulder

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: I believe that I started attending Palmer in 2005 or 2006. In 2007, I joined the group of Palmer volunteers that went on a mission trip to New Orleans to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina which led to the next mission trip back to New Orleans the following year. These were followed by trips to Galveston and Bastrop as well as Bolivia. Closer to home, I've also helped lead Serve Sunday projects and have been active working with The Palmer Place Apartment Ministry, working on the maintenance side of things.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I grew up in Houston near the University of Houston where my father was the campus pastor for U of H and TSU. I attended The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and the University of Colorado. I moved back to Houston, got a job with AIM Funds (now Invesco) and got married. We had 2 beautiful daughters, Sarah and Lauren. 3 years after getting divorced, I went on my first date which was so good that I married her – Margie brought Jack, Nina and Marjorie into our new family and while they are slowly leaving the house, it has all made a pretty wonderful life.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I've always had a desire to help others and so it resonates greatly with me to know and

share the love of Jesus Christ. If we can help those who need it, we can make a difference. It may not be a big difference but many small differences can make many large ones.

NAME: William Robertson

NICKNAME: Bill

ADDRESS: 1929 Timber Creek Drive, Pearland, TX 77581

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Wendy Robertson

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Sean, Mindy & Kayleigh (all married with families), and 7 grandchildren

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Retired (Human Resource Director - 30 years, Deli Manager - 10 years)

EDUCATION: BS Business Administration, Cornell University

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: Member since 2004, Education for Ministry Mentor, Grow Vessel Leader - 4+ years, Community of Hope, active in Men's Bible Study, many other ministry roles as requested or needed. Previous Palmer Council Delegate for 4 years.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: Born and raised in Corvallis, Oregon; Attended Cornell University; started career in Industrial and Labor Relations; Married Wendy and began family; moved to Texas in 1974, Houston in 1977.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: By being faithfully present to those whom I meet and to the decisions that need to be made in our community and the Diocese. My perspective of faithful presence includes listening to others' stories/points of view with care and prayer.

NAME: Michael J. Massey

ADDRESS: 2342 Tanglely St., Houston, TX 77005

MARITAL STATUS: Single/Widower

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Justin (39), Jordan (35)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION: B.S./M.S. Chemical Engineering; Ph.D. Chemical Engineering and Engineering & Public Policy

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: Member since 1994; previously Calvary Church in Pittsburgh, PA and Grace Church in Newton, MA. Vestry once at Palmer and once at Grace Church in Newton, MA. Stewardship Committees: 4-5 years during Nutter years. Member of Worship Committee (many years). Manager of 9 am Services Ushers (many years). Manager of Weekly Liturgy

Assignment System (2 years). Lector (many years). Chalice Bearer (many years). Number of woodworking renovation projects for sanctuary and elsewhere. Jerusalem Peacebuilders (2 years and continuing)

Personal Biography

- Professional: career of entrepreneurship and building – initially, 10 years as a professor of Chemical Engineering and Engineering & Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University, then 14 years building of a large international environmental engineering company, then 6 years launching, venture capital financing and building of a database software company, and finally 6 years as Adjunct Professor and Director of Business Development for the College of Engineering at the University of Houston.
- Personal: raised Catholic, converted to Episcopal as an adult, married for 40 years to Pamela with whom I had and raised 2 children. Numerous volunteering efforts in the public sector, most recently 6 years as Treasurer of the Lake Conroe Communities Network (LCCN) where I led the community's mobilization of a Montgomery County-wide challenge of surface and groundwater management.

HOW WILL YOU HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I am a seasoned entrepreneur and builder. I have always believed that Palmer Church's unique location constitutes a special opportunity/obligation for me and for my fellow Palmers. My family joined just as Palmer began its huge growth and impact as a parish and I participated actively in that growth. I have also been here for the peak, the conflict, the subsequent dramatic membership decline and the current aging of the membership. I believe that Palmer needs to and can return to growth and increase its impact as it lives both into its mission and into the unique opportunities for outreach that surrounds it. This includes Rice and the Texas Medical Center but also immediate local neighborhoods and adjoining neighborhoods to the north and east.

NAME: Catherine Price Beebe

ADDRESS: 3403 Deal Street, Houston, TX 77025

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Mark Beebe

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Helen (13), Lucy (11)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: British Isles, Marketing

EDUCATION: BA, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICATION: Letter transferred in 1996, but moved to Houston in 2004. Joined the choir, eventually joined the Baptism Ministry team as coordinator and co-leader of the Parents of Young Children Education team. Organized Serve Sunday team for Brays Crossing at New Hope Housing since 2015 and joined the Outreach Council in 2019.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I grew up in the Episcopal Church as a PK (priest's kid) in Austin, TX, but moved north of Houston before high school. I was very involved in diocesan wide youth, serving in leadership in Happening, Camp Allen camping program, and the Youth Council, which participated in Annual Council in 1993. My background as a French translator led me from working at Apple computer to translating for a team that started a tri-lingual school in Fez, Morocco in 2004. I went to Houston to decide where to go next, and I never left.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I was drawn to Palmer because of its dynamic and powerful witness of God's love and its inclusion to everyone, no matter how broken they were. As a Baptism coordinator, I meet many new families looking to raise their child in a church community, but lacking a church home. I try to be welcoming, helpful, friendly, and connecting to these new faces.

NAME: Denise Allen Zwicker

ADDRESS: 6326 Dew Bridge Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77479-5518

MARITAL STATUS: Divorced (after 32 years of marriage)

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: My live-in sweetheart is Rick Scialdone.

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Laura Elizabeth Zwicker Everhart (33), Paul Allen Zwicker (30)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Freelance business/marketing writer

EDUCATION: B.A. Journalism/English (double major), Baylor University, Magna Cum Laude

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: A member since 1989, I sang for 15 years in the adult choir and helped lead the Episcopal Church Women, Home Repair Days and Dinner & Discussion. I've written Palmer brochures, website material and publicity. Today, I'm a lector, wedding coordinator and I'm active in Palmers Assisting Re-entry. Through Zoom, I participate in the Women's Spirituality Group, Palmer 7 AM Women's Bible Study, Palmer Meditators, and Education for Ministry, and I continue with the Palmer Writing Group. Each summer, I "shepherd" Jerusalem Peacebuilders guests. I have sweated on Palmer/diocesan service trips to Honduras (two), New Orleans (two) and Galveston. Long ago, I taught Sunday school.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: A cradle Episcopalian, I grew up in (Southern Baptist!) Waco. My parents were super-active founding members of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. I followed suit, first as a teenager in adult choir. Soon I was volunteering for many activities—especially after I married in 1974, moved to Houston and joined the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Today, I have a keen interest and fully participate in both outreach (prison ministry, home repair, service trips) and interfaith dialogue (Turquoise Center, Jerusalem Peacebuilders, Boniuk, Interfaith Ministries' Dinner Dialogues). I like to use my writing skills to serve Palmer and others.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: As a 2020 council alternate, I replaced Palmer delegate Suzanne Miller, who was recovering from major surgery. I learned I would be a delegate in time to attend a pre-council convocation, which prepared me to participate fully. At council, I learned a lot—especially about diocesan programs advancing equitable health care and racial justice—which I described to Palmer parishioners in conversations during the few weeks before the pandemic began. This year, I envision using my writing skills to communicate to parishioners how the diocese addressed its mission during 2020's strange circumstances—and how we will move into the future together.

NAME: Thomas K. Golden

NICKNAME: Kevin

ADDRESS: 132 Bellaire Ct, Bellaire, TX 77401

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Susan Baker Golden

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: One adult son, Douglas Baker Golden

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: I am a retired staff attorney formerly employed by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

EDUCATION: BA, Rice University; JD, University of Houston Law Center

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: I am licensed to practice law in the state courts of Texas and the federal courts of the Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: My first involvement with Palmer was through the Holy Spokes cycling team in 2005. I subsequently joined the Palmer Tuesday Men's Bible Study that same year. Although having been in the Methodist Church for thirty plus years, I have attended services at Palmer regularly since 2015 and officially joined Palmer Episcopal Church in 2018. Recently I have been serving as a scribe at the Men's Bible Study and I have supported Archway Academy. I have also participated in yoga classes at Palmer and attended the Palmer Men's Retreat several times, both of which have enabled me to heal and grow.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I grew up in Houston and graduated from St Johns School before attending Rice and U of H. I met my wife at St Luke's Methodist Church of Houston where we married and brought up our son who later attended St. Marks and Episcopal High School. After graduating from law school, I began my career as a legal aid attorney and then transferring to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I spent the last twenty years working for the federal judges in Houston specializing in criminal law and prison conditions issues. While I practiced law to pay the bills, cycling has been my passion. Consequently, I joined the Holy Spokes and have enjoyed my fellowship with that group as well as participating in other cycling organizations. I also served as an adult leader with Boy Scout Troop 211 at St Marks on Bellaire Blvd.

HOW YOU WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I want to help Palmer by increasing my involvement in fellowship activities like the Holy Spokes which I believe encourages individuals to join Palmer, get more involved with the church, and develop their spiritual lives while making friends there. (It worked for me!) I also want to work on service projects both at Palmer and in the community. In addition I'd like to support the youth and music programs at Palmer. Palmer has done so much to improve my life, and I want to pay Palmer back by helping it help others.